

Just as the Post-Dispatch was ready to go to press this afternoon, storm burnt out a wire of the Yadkin River Power Company, cutting off the electric power. This happened at 5:58. The line was repaired and the juice again turned on at 9:45, but too late for the paper to make the eastbound mails. This unavoidable delay is regretted, especially so since this is the FIRST time since the Post-Dispatch was established in December, 1917, that it has missed the regular Thursday night mail—a record, we think, to be proud of. The break in the power line occurred at Tower 49, near Midway Mill, and, as noted above, was repaired at 9:45 tonight.

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ROCKINGHAM, N. C., THURSDAY Afternoon, SEPT. 11, 1919.

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SPECIAL TERM OF COURT

Governor Bickett Grants Request of Solicitor Brock for Special Term of Court for Trial of Criminal Cases for October 6th. Foster Parsons Murder Trial of Most Interest.

There will be a special term of Superior court held at Rockingham beginning Monday, Oct. 6th, this being called the first of this week by Governor Bickett by special proclamation. This special term will be for the trial of criminal cases, and is particularly called to try the homicide case of W. Foster Parsons, the young white man charged with the deaths of Duck Phillips and Joe Wilson, two colored jitney drivers of Hamlet, on Aug. 1st and 21st.

Parsons denies killing Phillips, claiming that a man named James Hammock did the killing, but he sold the car and divided the money. He admits killing Joe Wilson, however.

Duck Phillips was killed in Richmond county, and Joe Wilson a mile over the line in Moore county. The Solicitor will likely try him for both offenses, even though one was committed in another county; this can be done, provided the defendant raises no objection. Inasmuch as he will plead insanity, no objection to the combining of the two will likely be raised. W. R. Jones is the attorney for Parsons, while the Solicitor will probably be assisted by some additional lawyer in the prosecution. The town commissioners of Hamlet several days ago appropriated \$100 to be used in the private prosecution. The POST-DISPATCH was in telephone communication with Mayor Leigh this (Thursday) afternoon, and Mayor Leigh stated that he did not know at present just what lawyer the colored people were going to employ to help prosecute; that is the purpose of the \$100 appropriation—to enable the colored people to secure an attorney to prosecute.

The presiding judge will likely be Judge Stacy, but this is not definitely known as yet.

It is probable that a special venire will have to be summoned after court convenes Oct. 6th, in order to get a jury.

Other criminal cases will be taken up in addition to this murder case, excepting those cases in which the defendants are on bond subject to appearance at the November term.

On Tuesday night of this week the jury for this special term was drawn, according to law, by Sheriff R. L. McDonald, Register of

Deeds R. L. Johnson, ex-officio clerk to the Board of Commissioners, assisted by Justices of the Peace A. P. Barrett and H. L. Guthrie. The following is the jury drawn to appear here Oct. 6th:

W. H. McRae	D. M. McInnis
B. F. Marks	Jacob Smith
J. V. Usery	Henry C. Dawkins
Noah H. Jenerette	Miles McInnis
C. W. King	J. R. Carson
A. A. Hicks	T. F. Lentz
E. H. Rusher	R. L. Jones
W. J. Martin	C. D. Parker
L. L. Allred	S. J. Milliken
J. A. Hutchinson	Stephen Terry
C. H. Teague	H. D. Ledbetter
C. C. Hudnell	D. T. Rascoe
Silas Riddle	Jas. Melton
B. B. Jeffreys	Thos. H. Atkinson
W. G. Atkinson	J. B. Hicks
W. T. McDonald	P. S. Covington
W. C. Ellerbe	Colon O'Brien
J. E. Baxley	E. T. Ballard

Cotton Market.

The price paid for cotton at Rockingham today was 27 cents, and this price was paid each day since Monday. 100 bales brought today, 100 yesterday.

New York futures fluctuated over a 110-point range this week. Oct. touched 29.20 Tuesday, and as low as 28.10, early today. Oct. closed at 28.77 today, an average of 5 points up.

SOCIAL

(Contributed)

Mrs. Fred W. Bynum was hostess to the members of the Young Ladies Bridge Club and a few specially invited friends on Thursday afternoon of last week. Tables were arranged for the game in the living room and dining room where all played with unabated interest until the final scores were taken and the highest. S. Thomas was found to hold the highest for which she was given a daintily embroidered cover for her boudoir pillow. The guest prize was given to Mrs. Blue, of Aberdeen. The hostess served chicken salad, beaten biscuit, potato chips, cheese straws, olives and pickle, iced tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stuart entertained in honor of Miss Lucy Wall Cobb, of Chapel Hill, at an old time square dance at their home at Blewett's Falls, on Friday evening. Mrs. Stuart served delicious punch through the evening. Music was furnished by a stringed band, and Mr. Stuart called figures and dancing was lively. Quite a number were invited from Rockingham; among them were: Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Leak, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Leak, Mrs. G. G. Shannonhouse, Mrs. Jake Hinson, Misses Mary Entwistle, Kathryn McDonald, Octavia Scales, Emma Grey Ledbetter, Adele Pettyjohn, Mary Alys Lindsay, Messrs. Harry Entwistle, William Leak, Mial McRae, June Diggs, John Cole, George Entwistle.

Mrs. T. B. Covington has gone to Salisbury to undergo an operation, going up with Dr. W. L. Steele. Misses Pinkie and Fran Steele are still at Whitehead Stokes Sanatorium.

Mrs. A. L. Ormond and daughter, Miss Myra Ormond, and Mr. William Ormond have returned to Rockingham from Moore's Springs, in Surrey county. They are all much improved in health.

Mrs. A. L. McDonald returned to Rockingham Monday after spending the weekend in Florence.

Mr. Frederick M. Hull has gone to Rutherfordton to enter the Westminster School there.

Miss Mossie Long, Mrs. George Shannonhouse Jr., Miss Skeets, of Atlanta Ga., Messrs. Nathan and Nash, LeGrand, and Perry West, were the dinner guests of the Misses Russell at Monroe, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Everett and Miss Mary Louise Everett returned Monday night from a ten days' trip in their Cadillac to Washington, Baltimore and other points.

Grapes Wanted.

Garrett & Co. pays \$3.00 cash per bu. of 60 lbs for whole ripe clean white scuppernon grapes in clean flour or sugar barrels at following points on dates shown:

Ellerbe--Henderson Bros. Store, Tuesday, Sept. 16th.

Hamlet--J. W. Pegram's Store, Tuesday, Sept. 16th.

Rockingham--Maurice's Store, Wednesday, Sept. 17th.

Laurel Hill--A. J. Campbell Store, Wednesday, Sept. 17th.

Must be delivered promptly after picking same day. Bring all ripe grapes

SPEEDING ARRESTED

Rockingham Officers Upholding State and City Speed Laws of 10 Miles in Business Sections. Many Arrests. \$5 and Costs. Officers to be Commended for Enforcement of Law.

That the speed laws are being enforced in Rockingham just now even the "contrariest" speeder must admit. The drag-net is combing the streets closely, and the quick eye of the Law is strictly "on the job." The enforcement of the speed laws by our local officers is a thing to be commended by every law-abiding citizen—but of course the chronic kickers are displeased; in fact, their knocks and displeasure should be accepted by the officers as a badge of honor. The knocks of some people should be highly valued by the officers, for then they may know full well that they are doing the right thing.

The State law is that automobiles must not travel faster than ten miles per hour in the business section of town, or 15 miles in the residential sections. This is a STATE law, and the town law merely confirms the State law.

The business section of Rockingham extends from the Presbyterian church corner to the Seaboard depot, and from Stephenson-Bell's store down Franklin street to Depot street. The speed limit is 10 miles in that area, and those who go faster are simply violators of the law and there is no way of getting around this fact.

The officers Monday began their speed crusade. The distance along the school block was Monday tested and it was found that 25 seconds was necessary to make the distance going at the rate of 11 miles an hour. And so the officers stationed themselves at each corner of this school block and timed every auto passing; if the machine made the block in less than 25 seconds, he was hailed before the Mayor and fined \$5 and costs of \$1.95.

The following list of speed offenders were handled by the Mayor this week:

D. B. Fletcher \$5 and \$1.95c, total \$6.95.

W. K. Brown \$6.95.

J. T. Simmons \$6.95.

M. T. Holmes, pleads not guilty to speeding; judgment is guilty; fined \$5 and costs, \$1.95, total \$6.95.

W. C. Via \$6.95.

W. E. Crosland, 2 cases; taxed with costs of \$3.90. Not fined, because of extenuating circumstances.

Joe Long, pleads not guilty; judgment of guilty; fined regulation \$5.00 and the costs \$1.95, total \$6.95.

DeWitt Ormsby \$6.95.

John Baker, pleads not guilty; judgment of guilty; fined \$5 and costs of \$3.15, total \$8.15.

Bob Fletcher \$6.95.

S. F. Bruno, pleads not guilty; guilty is decision of His Honor, and Bruno likewise coughs up \$5 and costs of \$1.95.

Three sets of unknown parties, autoists passing through, paid \$6.95 each and went their way, wiser but sadder men. They are bound to admire Rockingham for doing its duty and enforcing the law.

Dewey Maness \$6.95.

Geo. S. Steele \$6.95.

Will McAlister \$6.95.

W. N. Everett \$6.95.

Henry Steele, riding bicycle on sidewalk, taxed with costs of \$1.95.

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Will McCall \$6.95.

Lawrence Thomas \$6.95.

Joe Adams \$6.95.

Raymond Manship \$6.95.

P. M. Abernethy \$6.95.

J. B. Williams \$6.95.

J. G. Dorste \$6.95.

W. V. Young \$6.95.

Jas. W. Lassiter \$6.95.

R. S. Monroe, driving car without a number; costs of \$1.95.

Albert Bizzell, driving car without a number; costs of \$1.95.

R. L. Patrick \$6.95.

B. S. Lennon \$6.95.

Avery Quick, pleads not guilty; found guilty and the usual \$5 and costs \$1.95 imposed.

O. L. Clark Jr., driving car without a number; costs \$1.95.

Arch White, taxed with costs of \$1.95; not fined, because he was going for doctor.

J. W. Smith and Chester Ellerbe each plead not guilty; but the Court ruled otherwise. Each fined \$5 and each pays \$1.95 in costs.

So ends the "speed" chapter—until next issue. Watch your step; touch the gas lightly.

Other Cases Before Mayor.

On Tuesday night Bud Henry was fined by the Mayor \$5 and costs of \$3.55 for assault upon Will Blue, colored.

John Long, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5, required to pay \$3.85 in costs, and also to pay \$4 for a window pane he broke at the jail.

School Opening.

The Rockingham school opened Monday with the largest enrollment in its history—490. The auditorium was filled for the opening exercises, and full 50 children were unable to find seats—a pretty good object lesson as to the need of larger school facilities. Rev. Mr. Roberson opened with prayer and scripture, and an appropriate talk was made the pupils by Mayor Phillips.

The enrollment of the other schools was: Roberdel 160, Hamlet 640, Ellerbe 166, Hoffman 110, Cognac 20, Cameron 16—these last two being one-teacher schools.

Church Census.

The Methodist and Presbyterian churches began a church census of the city Wednesday, with a view of learning the church affiliation or non-affiliation of every person in town.

The Methodist revival will begin Sunday-week, 21st, with sermon in morning by Mr. North, at night by Mr. Ormond, and Rev. H. H. Jordan will arrive from Monroe Monday to assist.

Evans formal opening, Cheraw, Sept. 16 and 17. See announcement on page eight.

Marriage Licenses.

Sept. 5th—Ashley C. Williams and Frances Sanford, white.

Sept. 8—Fred Allen and Matlow Thomas, colored.

Sept. 8—Lewis Medley and Mary Massie, colored.

Rummage Sale Saturday.

The ladies of the Methodist church will have a Rummage Sale Saturday beginning at 10 o'clock, in the building recently vacated by the Post-Dispatch, next to the Chinaman's laundry. Also, ice cream will be sold by them in front of the courthouse. Proceeds for church emergency fund.

Pee Dee Association.

Fifteen of the 18 churches in the Pee Dee Association were represented at a meeting in Rockingham Wednesday, with Directors Ozmer Henry and Bruce Benton, to perfect plans for the \$75,000,000 Drive which Southern Baptist Church is to complete by December 7th. The quota for the Pee Dee Association is \$200,000, and this amount will this week be apportioned among the 18 churches. The amounts and directors for each church will be published next issue.

8-Pound Potato.

Oscar O'Brien, of Route 4, has duly qualified for the Big Potato race. He brought the POST-DISPATCH a specimen Saturday that balances the scales at even eight pounds—and from the careless way he talks, he might have even larger ones at home.

Let's here from others. Don't just come in and make the statement that you have potatoes etc of a certain weight and size, but bring the goods in; we are from Missouri.

To Flint For Buicks.

The Richmond Buick Company will send a party of men to Flint, Michigan, Saturday to drive back seven Buicks. M. L. Tucker will chaperon the "squad."

Demonstration Offices.

The farm demonstration offices are now on the second floor of the Rancke building, next to the postoffice. Mrs. John Sandy Covington formerly had her office in the Little building, over Arenson's store, but she has now moved to the Rancke building in the office next to that of the Farm Demonstrator, J. G. Lawton. Both branches of the work are now adjoining, and the people of the county are invited to freely visit them.

Superior Court Civil Term.

The second September term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases only, will convene Monday-week, Sept. 22nd. The calendar of cases is on page 7.

Ellerbe Drug Store.

Jas. R. Bennett Sept. 1st bought out the interests of Dr. Maness in the Maness-Bennett drug store at Ellerbe. Dr. Maness will continue to have his office in the rear of the store and will do the prescription work for Mr. Bennett. Dave Warner is the "front" man.

Ice Notice.

I will be at the ice plant on Sundays from 8 to 1 o'clock. The public is earnestly requested to observe these hours, as no ice will be sold on Sunday afternoons.—Dockery-Allen Co., per Luther Odom.

Shoes at Harrison's.

We wish to announce that our line of ladies' fall shoes arrived today (Thursday.) These consist of black, brown, grey, field mouse and all colors. We can assure you of style, quality and fit. Would be glad to have you call in and these before you make your purchase.—W. E. Harrison & Land Co.

Raincoats Just Arrived.

Just received today by express a shipment of new raincoats—\$5 to \$15 for men, \$3 to \$7.50 for boys.—Dockery-McNair.

Business Location Wanted.

Wanted, a business stand in the central business section of Rockingham. Am willing to pay a good price for same. Write to Steve Copes, 18 North Tryon street, Charlotte.

Laundry Agent Wanted.

Wanted, by the Sanitary Steam Laundry, of Hamlet, an agent for Rockingham. A good proposition. Phone or go to see them.

Business Location for Rent.

For rent, the location at present occupied by the Post-Dispatch. Apply to W. B. Cole. Possession can be given about the middle of September, or possibly a little earlier.

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